

PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takahiro ITO, et al.

Appln. No.: (TBA)

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

16. (Amended) In a mounting structure of a pneumatic tire, an improvement wherein a pneumatic tire comprising a tread portion having a plurality of blocks, each of which blocks having at least one sub-groove formed at a given inclination angle with respect to an equatorial plane of the tire, an improvement wherein a central main portion of the sub-groove is formed so that a

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